

PLAN NOW FOR

70/70 launch

A project to launch the Sunday School program for the 70's in 70 days

September 13-19 Visit every member and prospect, delivering the new Bible-study materials.

September 20-25 Conduct Sunday School Leadership Preparation Week.

September 27 Have promotion emphasis, with special presentations of new organization, officers, and literature.

October 4 Make this high-attendance day and give appropriate recognitions.

October 11- November 14 Conduct an intensive visitation-enrollment emphasis, seeking to enrol every prospect.

November 15-21 Climax the 70/70 LAUNCH with specific witness to persons in need of Christ. Follow with fall revival, if desired.

70 - 70 Launch:

A Countdown For Life - Off

I. WHAT IS IT?

The purpose of the 70-70 Launch is to use 70 days in the fall of 1970 for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools to launch their new Bible teaching program.

With new organizations, new literature, new records, and new workers, this offers the greatest opportunity in our generation to enlist a great host of people in the Bible-teaching program of the church, and to win them to Christ.

II. WHY DO IT?

Christ commissioned His church to teach them to observe all things which He had commanded. This commission from our Lord makes it mandatory for us to teach His word.

III. HOW DOES IT WORK?

A church which plans for 70-70 Launch should vote (Continued On Page 2)

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Sunday School To Enter New Era Of Bible Study

Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools are preparing to enter a new era of Bible study in October of this year. They, along with other Southern Baptist Sunday Schools across the nation, will launch a new Bible teaching program, with new organizations, new literature, new records, and new workers. Their determination to use the first 70 days of the fall of 1970 to give this effort a beginning boost has been identified as the 70-70 Launch.

The Bible teaching program of a local Baptist church will engage in the use of new literature to be offered in five series," explains Bryant Cummings, director, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "Many churches in our state have already completed their literature order and some churches have already received their new literature.

"Many of our Baptist churches will continue to use the Convention Uniform Series. The Convention Uniform material will be increased in size with additional pages to give more space for Bible exposition and teaching suggestions."

The Life and Work Series will be Bible-centered, church-oriented curriculum.

The new Forefront Series has been planned and prepared for churches desiring an innovative Bible-based curriculum for Adults.

Children and Preschoolers in Sunday School may use material from the Foundation Series. The Foundation Series may be used by churches that have chosen either the Convention Uniform or Life and Work material in the Youth and Adult Divisions.

The Support Series will be supplementary material to enrich all other series of literature related to leadership, leisure reading, and devotional material.

One of the major literature changes is the replacement of The Sunday School Builder with five leadership magazines. The Builder will cease publication with the September, 1970, issue, on its fiftieth anniversary.

The new magazine for Sunday School general officers, church staff, and Sunday School council members will be Outreach: Bible Teaching Program Monthly.

Magazines for leaders in the four age divisions will be entitled Adult Leadership, Youth Leadership, Children's Leadership, and Preschool Leadership.

The documents will be discussed in September during the next meeting of the Episcopal Conference of the Colombian Church and will attempt revision of the existing treaty between

any church automatically to choose a material or to decide on an organization pattern just because another church has made a decision. Each church will make its own choices and decisions in order to use the organization and choose literature that will best meet the needs of their people.

"The Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has committed its staff and its program to help every church and Sunday School in the Convention strengthen its Bible teaching program."

In addition to Mr. Cummings, those on the staff of the state Sunday School

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Davis New President Of National Group

Dr. W. P. Davis, director, Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was reelected president of the National Conference of Workers with National Baptists. He will preside over the body until August, 1971.

This conference is an 18-member body whose chief responsibility is setting the direction for the department and planning the assembly program for its meeting at Glorieta and Ridgecrest (one meeting). Dr. Davis has been Mississippi director for a number of years.

Colombia-Vatican Reforms May Affect Baptist Work

church and state in accord with directors of the Second Vatican Council.

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Mississippians Included

Home Mission Board Appoints Thirty-Three US-2 Workers

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — After a commissioning service by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here, 33 young Southern Baptists departed for two years of missions service as US-2 workers in 18 states and Puerto Rico.

When Irene Mika says "Buenos Dias" to her Spanish-speaking parishioners in Puerto Rico, she will do so with an Argentine accent.

Born in Cordoba, Argentina, Miss Mika attended high school in the United States and is a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi, a Baptist school in South Texas, where she was a swimming champion and Homecoming Queen nominee.

Of the 33 US-2 workers commissioned by the board, Miss Mika is the only appointee not born in the USA, and the only one going to one of the areas where the SBC Home Mission Board works that is not a state of the USA.

The others will be serving for two years in the United States (hence the

name US-2), in Tennessee, California, Georgia, Virginia, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Michigan, Hawaii, New Jersey, Iowa, Oregon, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Colorado.

Mary Angela Robinson, a native of Alabama, sets another precedent in the US-2 program this year. She will be the first to work out of the Home Mission Board's Atlanta office assisting the department of Christian social ministries in literacy missions.

There is a striking diversity in this year's group, board officials noted. Their hometowns are scattered throughout the nation and their work experiences reflect varying interests and concerns. Many were college honor students and student government representatives.

Among the appointees are an electrical engineer, Mike Eyer of Clovis, N. M., and native of Mississippi, James Landrum, who spent a summer working on a pony farm. Oklahoma Baptist University grad Cathy Gray is a former waitress-entertainer.

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Music Evangelism And Outreach Clinic Is Set For Brandon

The first "Music Evangelism and Outreach Clinic" is scheduled for First Baptist Church, Brandon, September 17.

The first session begins at 2:45 p.m. and the second starts at 7:00 p.m.

Pastors, music directors, and accompanist will be particularly interested in this clinic. The clinic is sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

During the program, soloists will sing the 10 top evangelistic solos. Dr. W. D. Lawes, Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, will speak on the subject, "New Innovations in Evangelism."

There will be a panel discussion on "Pros & Cons on Youth Music in Evangelism."

In addition to music, at the afternoon session, a local pastor will speak on the subject, "The Holy Spirit and the Singer." Also, there will be conferences for pastors, music directors and accompanists.

"Because of the increasing use of music in evangelism and outreach" music director, Dan C. Hall State Music Director, "We have scheduled three of these clinics in 1971."

Persons planning to attend the clinic should send their name and address to the Church Music Department, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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Americans United Invites Lodge To Resign Post

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Glenn L. Archer, has appealed to Henry Cabot Lodge as an American patriot concerned for his country to resign his post as President Nixon's representative to the Holy See. The text of Mr. Archer's letter follows:

Dear Mr. Lodge:

This letter is written to you as a distinguished American upon whose devoted concern for country we know we can rely. Your recent appointment as the President's representative to the Holy See is a cause of grave apprehension to many of those who share this concern.

The history of our country's diplomatic relations with this religious body has been unfortunate. There is no need to recount it, save to recall that these relations wherever they have been undertaken and at whatever level, have always been a source of severe inter-creedal tensions.

The appointment of a Vatican envoy has proved divisive. It bestows special recognition on one very large church and discriminates against others not so favored. It has proved an embarrassment to a nation which purports to have as its basic policy the separation of church and state. Such an appointment does that church itself no favor since it enhances its image as a political power structure.

You will recall that on the most recent occasion when a Vatican envoy was appointed by President Truman, there was such an angry reaction throughout the nation that the appointee, General Mark Clark, tendered his resignation rather than embarrass the President and divide the nation.

We urge you, Mr. Lodge, as a man of unquestioned patriotism and integrity, to do the same. Your visits to the Pope as President Nixon's representative are, and will continue to be, a source of dissension among our people. Your resignation now, in

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Dr. Lawes

Three conferences on a Spiritual Program for Industry in Mississippi are being sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Foy Rogers, director, has announced.

The conferences will be held at First Church, Winona, on September 8; at McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl on September 9; and at Tay's Drive-in, Columbia, on September 10.

The purpose of these conferences is to encourage industry to establish some type spiritual ministry to meet the needs of their people.

Each of the meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. with introductions and a message by Harry Martin, Secretary-Manager of the Tupelo Community Development Foundation, during the morning. Lunch will be at 12:00 and a message by Rev. Harold Jordan, Chaplain at the LeTourneau Plant, Vicksburg, at 1:00 and adjournment at 2:00 p.m.

Those invited are superintendents of associational missions, moderators, chairmen of missions committees, pastors of city and town churches

(including all denominations), industrial development group directors, industrial executives, and industrial planners.

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Birmingham Church Votes Narrowly To Retain Staff

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—After eight hours of debate and 10 ballots, members of First Baptist Church here narrowly defeated a motion to fire their pastor, youth director and entire church staff.

The vote was 237 in favor of firing the staff and 241 opposing it, a margin of four votes.

Opposition to the leadership of the staff has been intensifying, observers said, since a Negro woman and her daughter, Mrs. Winnie Fred Bryant and Twila, presented themselves for membership on June 28.

The church was scheduled to vote on final acceptance of the Negro pair on the Wednesday night, Aug. 26, one week following the defeat of the motion to fire the staff on Aug. 19.

The business session relating to the effort to fire the staff was a continuation of a meeting started on July 22 when a motion was offered to dismiss J. Herbert Gilmore, pastor of the church for the past 23 months, and Miss Betty Bock, youth director for the past 10 months.

Gilmore was in Tokyo attending the Baptist World Alliance when the July business meeting was held. By a vote of 188 to 186, action was postponed on the motion until Aug. 19 when the pastor would be present.

In the debate, a Birmingham attorney, Ollie Bland, charged that Gilmore was "scripturally unsound" and responsible for the disharmony and disunity in the church.

Bland mentioned specifically Gilmore's views on the Genesis account of creation and the flood, the Jonah story, the virgin birth of Christ, and the infallibility of the Bible.

Harry Dickinson, professor of sociology at Samford University (Baptist) here, countered that there is a distinct difference between the law and the interpretation of the law. "What you have heard is not what Dr. Gilmore believes, but what Mr. Bland has interpreted he (Gilmore) believes," Dickinson said.

Another Birmingham attorney, Robert Grooms Jr., the son of retired Fifth Court of Circuit Appeals Judge Robert Grooms, Sr., defended Gilmore, and claimed that "it is a bunch of bunk" to charge that Gilmore's theological views comprise the main issue.

Saying Gilmore is as "solid as a rock, theologically," Grooms stated that the only disunity the pastor had caused was in making some of the members so miserable they couldn't stand it.

Miss Bock, who headed the South-

ern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union work with the Young Woman's Auxiliary before joining the church's staff as minister of youth activities, said that she was primarily responsible for the action before the church, not the pastor.

Miss Bock, who directed the tutorial program which led Twila to accept Christ and she and her mother to join the church, said the "entire issue before us tonight is race."

Miss Bock listed the events leading up to the action of the night, and pointed out "there was no trouble until five Negro boys attended Sunday School in February." She added there were 14 resignations in the children's department in two weeks after this.

She also stated that in a deacon's meeting, the deacons had agreed the issue was not theology but race.

Miss Dorothy Scott, a former missionary journeyman to Africa, pleaded for defeat of the motion to fire the staff because of the effect it would have on mission work around the world.

"We put ourselves on the back for working overseas, but we will not do something (to minister to Negroes) two blocks from our church."

Another layman who opposed Gilmore, Curtis Knapp, charged that the pastor had attacked the free enterprise system, which was paying his salary.

Knapp who admitted he had attended the church only twice since Gilmore had been pastor, said he was disappointed with Gilmore's sermon and one by Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, who spoke on one of the two times he attended.

"I come to worship, not hear politics and an atheist quoted from the pulpit," Knapp said. "We need to keep politics and church separate," he exclaimed.

Knapp in a later discussion, refuted the charge of "politics in the pulpit," saying that a former pastor urged the church in 1954 against voting for a Roman Catholic for president, and "some of you say he is the greatest pastor we ever had. If that's not politics, what is?"

Grooms also stated that ". . . if we do away with this staff, we will do away with the church."

He warned that it would take "a ding-a-ling preacher to come to this pulpit and smile and say the words we want to hear." He added that such ministers "are cheap, and the woods are full of them."

Gilmire spoke only once during the

eight-hour debate in answer to the charges. He praised the church for its commitment to stay downtown in a racially-changing neighborhood and minister to the needs of all.

"I simply took what you said seriously. I am merely implemented the commitment you have made," Gilmore said.

There were 10 different ballots, seven of them written, taken during the eight-hour meeting. Members of the church were given the written ballots as they entered.

An instructor at the Birmingham Baptist School of Nursing spoke during the debate and pointed out that though she had been a member for several years, she had not seen many of those present in the church before.

Numerous motions and amendments were made during the eight-hour session. A reporter for the Alabama Baptist, state Baptist paper in Birmingham, observed that the anti-Gilmore forces won all but the last ballot on the motion to fire the staff.

One of the motions would have excluded Miss Bock from the original motion to fire the pastor and youth director. Al Griffith objected to her being fired because there were no charges brought against her.

Another amendment would have excluded the pastor and youth director and pledged the church's complete support. It was defeated by an estimated two-thirds majority.

A member of the church staff, Carlisle Driggers, minister of education, offered an amendment adding the names of Mac Goss, associate pastor; John Sims, minister of music; and his own name to the original motion listing church staff members to be fired.

Driggers' motion was approved. Another amendment to put off the vote for another week was defeated, as was an amendment to pay the staff through December 31.

As the final motion came before the group asking that the entire staff be fired effective immediately with salaries paid through Sept. 30, John Chandler, a former minister of music at the church now with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, pleaded for the members to recognize that "the eyes of the world are upon you." The action was taken.

It was 2:30 a. m. when the final ballot was taken, defeating the motion to fire the staff. When the result was announced, there was a sudden hush of silence. Some wept after the results were announced.

The situation in the church has attracted nationwide publicity. If Mrs. Bryant and Twila are admitted, they will be the first Negro members in the 98-year history of the church. They will be accepted or rejected as members by vote on Aug. 26 in regular business meeting when the church membership committee will recommend them as members along with all others who have joined during the month.

(NOTE: On Aug. 26, the church discussed the issue of accepting Negro members into the church.)

A native of Florida, Cooper is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned master and doctor of theology degrees.

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The 70-70 Launch: A Countdown For Lift-Off

New Officers--Organizational Structure

The person responsible for leading the entire Bible - teaching program for the church is the Sunday School Director. (Notice that the word director is replacing the word superintendent.)

His primary job is to lead the Sunday School workers in planning, conducting, and evaluating the entire Bible - teaching program. If he has no other officers to help him, he should lead in teaching improvement, help workers understand the task of outreach, and also guide in establishing classes of study beyond Sunday morning and the church building.

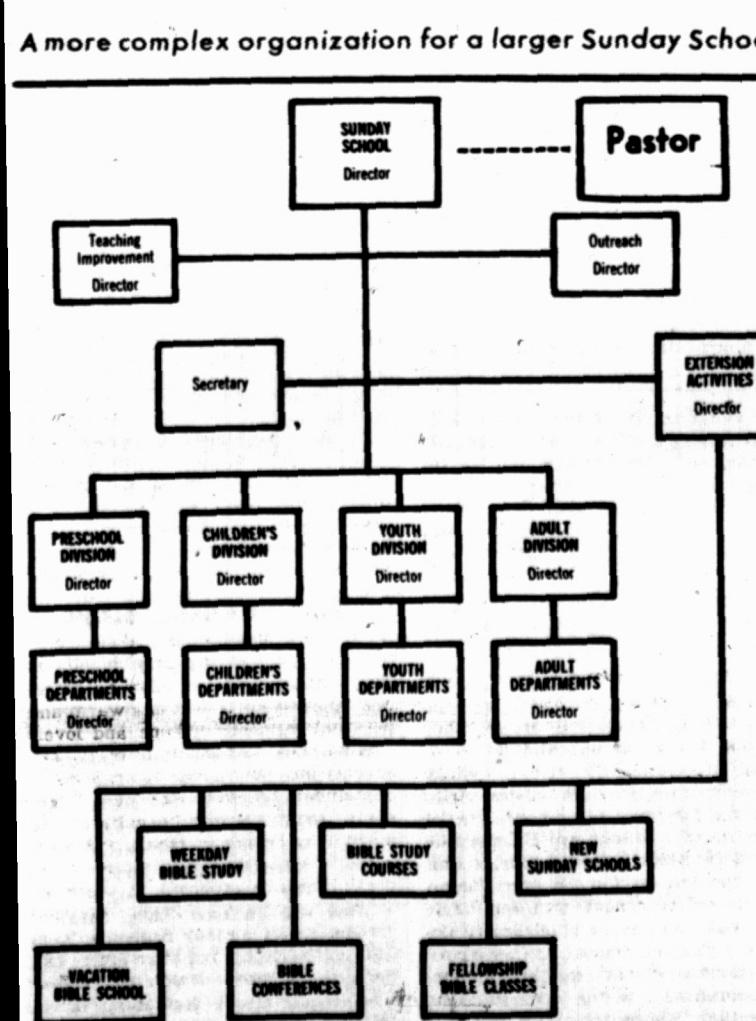
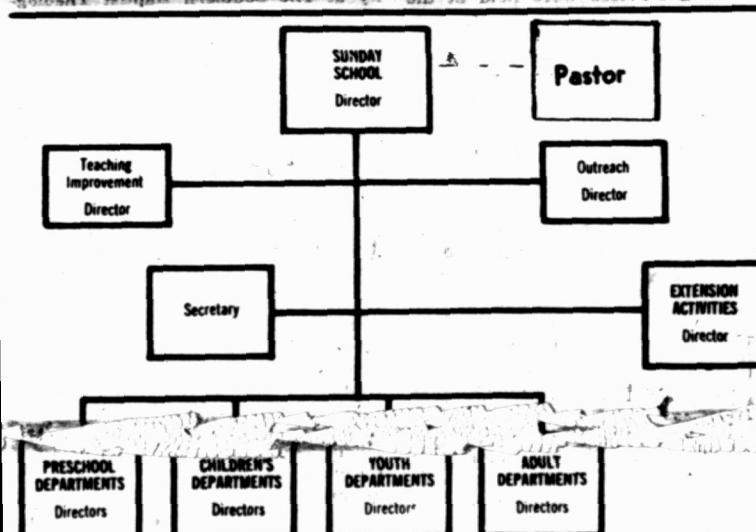
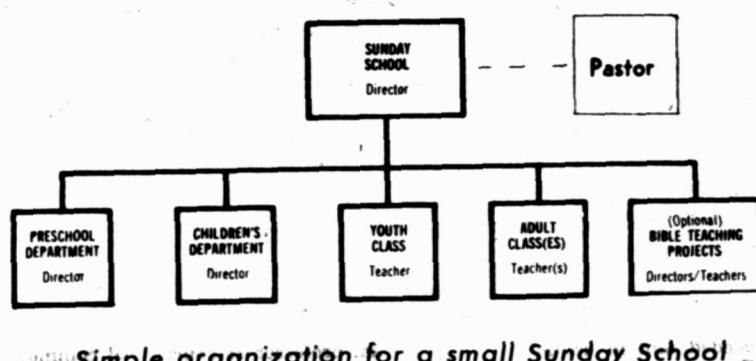
Three new officers are being recommended. This is not to say that there has not been concern about the tasks of these officers in the past. Now there is a sharp focus and more clearly defined responsibilities for these particular officers.

I. Outreach Director

- Magnifies to Sunday School workers the Biblical basis for reaching persons for Christ.
- Determines the organization, schedules, leadership, curriculum, and approaches needed to reach persons for Christ and church membership.
- Helps develop outreach skills among Sunday School members, so they can effectively witness.
- Maintains an up-to-date file of prospects, makes visitation assignments, and receives reports of visits made.

II. Teaching Improvement Director

- Assists in directing the improvement of Bible teaching in the church.
- Suggests resources for improvement of teaching to department directors, teaching



improvement leaders, and class teachers.

- Plans for and provides training opportunities that will help leaders acquire greater knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

III. Extension Activities Director

- Leads in determining additional types of Bible - teaching projects and on-going Bible-teaching activities that should be conducted by the church.
- Determines what organization is needed to provide these Bible-teaching activities.
- Enlists and trains (with the help of the Teaching Improvement Director) the workers needed for these projects.
- Selects curriculum needed to carry out these activities.

These three officers clearly indicate that in the decade of the Seventies the emphasis is going to be on reaching people for Bible study, for Christ, and for church membership.

Also to be emphasized are the tasks of improving the quality of teaching on every age level and teaching the word of God through extension activity projects such as fellowship Bible classes, new Sunday Schools, and Mission Vacation Bible Schools.

What kind of organization is needed to effectively reach and teach people in your church? A question every pastor and Sunday School worker should ask is "What kind of organization can we set up that will best do the work that we feel God wants us to do through His church in our community?"

A church must take into consideration the available space, the leadership ability, the number of people enrolled, and those who should be reach-

ed.

The space problem may be solved in one of three ways. Present space may be adjusted for maximum use. The same space may be used alternately by having Sunday School at different times. Or space adjacent to or near your building may be available for use.

One of the greatest needs of our churches is an enlarged concept of Bible teaching. Therefore, the term Bible - teaching program is more appropriate than just the name Sunday School.

It is true that Sunday School will continue to function as it has in the past but the church today is in need of a much broader approach to the important task of teaching the word of God to the multitudes outside our buildings.

The Decade of the Seventies calls for new techniques and methods for reaching out into the communities and setting up places and times when more people can be reached for a study of the Bible. On this page are three possible organizations for a Bible - teaching program.

In the first diagram, there are four divisions of work: Preschool, Children, Youth, and Adult. The second diagram shows multiple departments within each age division. The third diagram shows a division director for each division of work.

***CAUTION:** The new organizational structure DOES NOT advocate fewer units of work or fewer classes or departments. The four broad divisions simply provide more flexibility for smaller churches to meet their needs while at the same time providing a broader base for larger churches to minister to the needs of a larger organization.

If there are as many as four departments in a division, a division director is recommended to oversee, supervise, direct, and guide the entire division. The Division director will have the same relationship to the departments in his division that the Sunday School director has to the whole Sunday School organization.

Each church should study the size of its Sunday School organization and its needs and then elect the officers who will best lead the church in a sound and progressive Bible - teaching program.

From Brazil: The number of Baptists in Brazil has grown from about 2,000 in 1900 to approximately 320,000 today, comprising only 0.351 per cent of the total Brazilian population. "These 320,000 Baptists can become 1,000,000 by 1982, our centennial year, and we will still represent less than 1 per cent of the projected population of 120,000,000," said missionary Edgar F. Hallock Jr.

SBC Has 28 In Top 75 Now

Decade Of Large Sunday School Is Here

15 — including five of the eight largest Sunday schools in America.

"Key to the growing, large Sunday school is the energetic minister who leads his flock like a president runs a corporation," Towns wrote.

"The life of the church is run as

carefully as a bank, is advertised as widely as a prosperous used car lot, and is financed as carefully as a mortgage on a new home . . . But in the pulpit, the minister radiates the warmth of Jesus Christ."

The largest budget was reported by

Coming Oct. '70

New Sunday School Literature

The Bible Is The Textbook

The Bible is the textbook. The emphasis is still on reaching people. But churches will have available literature, organization, and programs that are both fresh and flexible.

Sunday School Literature

PRESCHOOL DIVISION

Age	Possible Groupings*			Foundation Series
	B	A	A	
1	A	A	A	A. Guide A for Preschool Teachers Preschool Pictures A
3	B	B	B	Preschool Pictures B Living (quarterly for use in home)
4	C	C	C	C. Preschool Bible Teacher C Preschool Pictures C (four sets) Growing (quarterly for use in home)
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PRESCHOOL DIVISION

Age	Grade	Possible Groupings*			Foundation Series
		L	L	L	
6	1st	L	L	L	L. Bible Learners Bible Learners Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Learners
7	2nd	L	L	L	D. Bible Discoverers Bible Discoverers Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Discoverers
8	3rd	D	D	D	S. Bible Searchers Bible Searchers Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Searchers
9	4th	D	D	D	
10	5th	S	S	S	
11	6th	S	S	S	

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Age	Grade	Possible Groupings*			Foundation Series
		L	L	L	
6	1st	L	L	L	L. Bible Learners Bible Learners Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Learners
7	2nd	L	L	L	D. Bible Discoverers Bible Discoverers Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Discoverers
8	3rd	D	D	D	S. Bible Searchers Bible Searchers Teacher Teaching Pictures for Bible Searchers
9	4th	D	D		
10	5th	S	S		
11	6th	S	S		

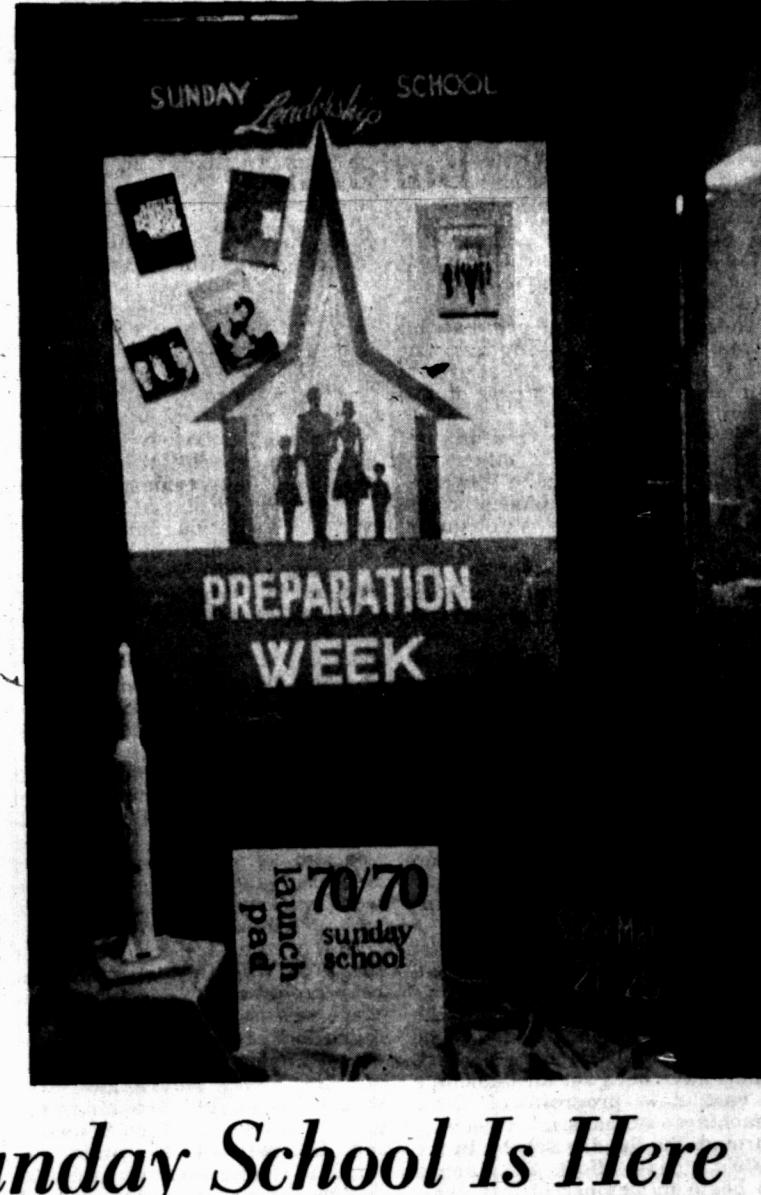
YOUTH DIVISION

Age	Grade	Possible Groupings*			Life and Work Series
		L	L	L	
12	7th	L	L	L	Y. Life Discovery Y. Life Discovery Teacher
13	8th	L	L		
14	9th	L	L		
15	10th	L	L		
16	11th	L	L		
17	12th	L	L		

ADULT DIVISION

Age	Possible Groupings*			Life and Work Series
	Y	Y	Y	
18-29	Sunday School Young Adults	Y. Adult Teacher On the Wing Bible Lesson Digest Sunday School Lessons Simplified Bible Study Invitation to Bible Study Test Your Knowledge: Life and Work Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons		Y. Adult Bible Teacher Bible Study Packet Commentary Bible Study Leaflet Simplified Bible Study Invitation to Bible Study Test Your Knowledge: Life and Work Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons
30-59	Sunday School Adults			
50-up	Sunday School Senior Adults			

*These are considered to be the more common groupings. Many other possibilities exist, of course, and should be determined by the needs in a particular church.



First Baptist church in Dallas with \$2,565,800. Other large budgets were reported by First Baptist church in Van Nuys, Calif. with \$1,203,000 and Parks City Baptist church in Dallas with \$1,152,702.

Describing the quality of the Sunday schools, based on his visits to the 10 largest schools, Towns observed:

"If quality is transferring Bible content, producing a spiritual change in lives, communicating a value system, getting students involved in Christian service, then the growing Sunday schools have quality."

Churches ranking sixth to 10th in the top 75 list are: Landmark Baptist Temple of Cincinnati; Temple Baptist church of Detroit; and Thomas Road Baptist church of Lynchburg, Va.—all affiliated with the Baptist Bible Fellowship. Independent First Baptist church of Van Nuys, Calif., is ninth. The interdenominational Calvary Temple of Denver ranked 10th.

Board Appoints --

(Continued from page 1)

First Baptist Church, East Hartford, Conn. Donald Lee of Starkville, Miss., has been appointed to the Board of Directors. He has been a member of the church for 20 years and has served as a trustee.

Some of the new appointees came from the US-2 program, a special meeting for youth held Dec. 28-31, 1969, as the catalyst in their decision to apply for US-2 appointment. Others said they were encouraged by a Baptist Student Union director, and one admitted he was "a bit weary of school" after four years of college and two of seminary.

Five appointees will do student work. Others will work in church weekday programs, resort missions, and Christian social ministries.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

A Return To Sunday School Building

For many years, just prior to the last few, Southern Baptists have given their major emphasis to building the Sunday school. There is strong evidence that this was the basic reason for the amazing Southern Baptist growth of decades in the middle of this century.

Then, for some reason, we seemed to turn to other emphases, and at least to some degree, neglected emphasis on the Sunday school. The result quickly appeared, for the whole program of work began to drop into decline. Reports of the past several years have created concern in Southern Baptist circles, for there is decline in almost every area of the work, except in music and in finances. The growth in finances can be explained largely by the growth of the economy, and the emphasis on music has only recently started in many churches so it was natural that growth should come there. Other organizations, however, and baptisms, have not made gains in recent years, and in most cases have declined.

Reason For Decline

Probably there are several reasons for this, but many believe that one of major causes is the ebb in the emphasis upon the Sunday school. Because of that, plans have been set for launching a vast new program of Bible teaching emphasis, especially through the Sunday school, in the 1970's. That effort is planned to begin in October of this year. New organizational plans have been adopted, new programs designed, new literature produced, and new goals and promotion have been set. Plans for launch-

ing the 70's program in every church are discussed in this issue of the Record, with charts and diagrams and articles to tell just what is being provided for the churches.

A New Era?

This well may be the beginning of a new era of growth for Southern Baptists. If these plans challenge churches to action, and provide effective plans for using that action, we should see a great surge of visitation, Sunday school enlargement, and church growth.

In the mid-fifties the churches entered into a program called "A Million More in '54", a plan to enrol a million new persons in Southern Baptist Sunday schools in one year. The movement provided the greatest incentive for action the churches ever have known in Sunday school work. They did not reach a million, but they did enrol more than 700,000, and the whole denomination felt the impact of that for years to come. Baptismal records were set, and every area of the work was blessed.

Shaping The 70's

Now we are seeking to "Shape the 70's" with these tremendous new programs. We would hope that Mississippi Baptists will move forward in enlargement of every Sunday school in 1970-71 and the years that follow, and that the whole Bible teaching program will be strengthened. Nothing else will do as much to turn the tide of Southern Baptist decline in its organizations, or give a greater thrust for marked advance in the next few years.

Let every church join in launching a mighty Sunday school program for the new year!

Youth Leads The Way

Youth appears to be leading the way in efforts to "burn down the nation" and "destroy the establishment".

And now comes the reports of what is happening in churches in Mississippi. We have heard of amazing things happening in churches in Jackson, and also in other areas across the state.

Dedication, Action

The young people are leading the way in rededication, in concern, in prayer, and in personal witnessing.

A group from a church in Jackson has been holding Saturday night music festivals and testimony meetings at resort areas of Barnett Reservoir.

A young man and woman from another church in Jackson invit-

ed many other evangelists, and by pastors themselves. It appears that true revival is beginning to sweep many youth groups in America.

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SCRAPBOOK



Handmade Lathe Dates Back To Bible Times

Long before the age of mechanical power such as steam, the operation of a lathe was done by water or foot power. Shown here operating a hand-made machine dating back to Biblical times, a skilled mechanic is hand-turning a table leg. The motive power is furnished by a foot treadle, from which a leather thong extends around the article being shaped, the other end being fastened to a stout, springy sapling. By pushing down on the treadle, the sapling is pulled down. When pressure is released on the treadle, the sapling springs skyward, thus spinning the object being shaped with the aid of forming chisels. This old-time display was in use fashioning potato mashers, policemen's clubs and other round wooden articles during Pennsylvania Dutch Days, in August in Pennsylvania.

Six Days To Work

Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. (Exodus 35:2).

The Work Of Our Hands

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it (Psalms 90:17).

To Your Tents, O Israel!

By Dick H. Hall, Jr.
Southern Regional Director
Americans United

When Rehoboam, foolishly declared that "My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins," (I Kings 12:10), Jeroboam said, "to your tents, O Israel." (v. 16)

After the death of Solomon, the people of Israel had come to Shechem to make Rehoboam king. The former administration had imposed heavy burdens on the people, many of them considered unfair. Now they had a right to expect reforms and greater fairness in government. The older men advised Rehoboam to comply, but he was advised by younger men to go farther than ever in the misuse of power.

So, Jeroboam, who had come out of exile, advised Israel to go back home. He did not advise them to take up arms but simply to go back to their tents, to refuse to recognize Rehoboam as king. This they did, leaving Rehoboam with a fraction of the former kingdom.

If there ever was a time when Southern Baptists should go back to their beginnings, back to their first principles, back to their basic distinctive, back "to their tents," this is that time.

In 1638 Roger Williams "organized the first Baptist church on the continent and it was he who established the first state ever formed on the principle of absolute liberty of conscience. He provided for separation of church and state at a time when there was no historical example of such a government." (Newman) To your tents, O Israel!

The little finger of the present ad-

ministration bids fair to be thicker than the former administration's loins. If you would know the extent of the efforts of the present administration toward giving aid to religious schools, ask Americans United for their analysis: "The Nixon Administration and Parochial." You may be surprised to learn that on February 20, 1970, the President of the United States said, "We must find ways to get public money behind you," talking to Catholic parochial school heads whom he had summoned to the White House. Was he saying, "We must find ways to circumvent the Constitution?" and did he not pledge to support this Constitution?

On March 3, 1970 the President announced the creation of a special President's Commission on School Financing. He said, "The specific problem of parochial schools is to be a particular assignment of the Commission." And on April 21 the President announced the appointment of a four-member "President's panel on Non-Public Education," with the announced purpose "to promote diversity in education within the Constitution." From the members of this schools were to be involved. To your panel, it would indicate that sectarian tents, O Israel!

You may be encouraged to know that on June 15, 1970, a three-judge federal panel in Providence, Rhode

"We didn't want to call it a retreat, because it's happening the first weekend of school, so we decided just to call it a 'Thing,'" said Rev. David Hicks, Ole Miss BSU Director. A day-long presentation of the activities of the BSU at Ole Miss, the "Thing" will be held Saturday, September 12, at Camp Lake Stephens, just outside Oxford.

"We limited the length of the 'Thing' so we could hold costs to a minimum, but we are cramming a lot into that day — introductions, discussions, recreation, a movie, worship, a couple of meals, and even a little free time. We especially hope that new students will attend the 'Thing,' since it will be the very first program of our BSU this fall."

For information concerning the "Thing" the BSU will have a table at registration, and the BSU Office (Room 202, "Y" Building) will be open each day. Students are invited to come by, meet each other, and sign up for the "Thing"!

Island, found "a state law providing salaries for lay teachers in parochial schools to be in violation of the First Amendment." Also you will be encouraged to learn that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, on June 8 of this year, "disapproved a proposed 'tuition voucher' program for the benefit of parochial schools." Also it is hoped that the United States Supreme Court will pass soon on the constitutionality of some of the laws which now help to give away \$6 billion dollars of tax funds to religious institutions. Stay in your tents, O Israel — stay — by the convictions that have been our guiding star and have contributed greatly to development of our country — this great experiment in freedom.

What can you do? You can write the President that you greatly disapprove of his action which certainly could be interpreted as a bid for votes. You can write your senators and your congressmen. You can talk about it in the pulpit and in the market place. You can call America back to its position of freedom which has distinguished us from the nations that have been blighted by an unholy alliance of church and state. You can help prevent this creeping paralysis to our body politic. You can let the world know that a people called Baptists can be aroused when their basic convictions are violated and the foundations of our nation threatened. To your tents, O Israel!



New In The World Of Reading

Church leaders and Woman's Missionary Union members are getting acquainted with first issues of new missions magazines published by WMU. The periodicals were born to support the new church program for the 70's. Left to right are Start, for Mission Friends leaders; Royal Service, for Baptist Women; Contempo, for Baptist Young Women; Accent, for Acteens members, with a leader edition for Acteens leaders; Aware, for Girls in Action leaders; Discovery, monthly for Girls in Action members and leaders; and Dimension, quarterly for WMU officers and council members.

Labor Day, 1970

For Me My Work Is Best

Let me but do my work from day to day
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In the roaring marketplace or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.
Then shall I see it not too great, nor small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers,
Then I shall cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

With Thy Might

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,
do it with thy might; for there is no
work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor
wisdom, nor device, nor knowledge,
nor wisdom, in the grave, wiser thou
goest. (Eccle. 9:10).

Go To The Ant

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise; which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest (Proverbs 6:6-8).

What Did You Expect?

If you would pause just a moment
while we catch our breath,
climbing this mountain trail,
I have a question for you
as I ask myself
What did you expect
When you came to Christ
— were saved
— got baptized
— joined the Church.
Did you and I expect to be like others?
respectable,
dignified,
refined,
reserved,
cold?
or
Christlike!
gentle,
friendly,
merciful,
kind,
holy?
Chances are,
we committed ourselves according to
our expectations.
By the way—
what has happened to you
since you joined the Church?
—John DeFoore

I HAVE NO ROCKS FOR EVE

It was some kind of fruit
That Satan said Eve ought to eat.
She ate it.

But what if she hadn't?

Satan was bound to be man's undoing.
Satan was hitting at God, And he would have offered that fruit to the
next woman he met.

If Eve had refused to eat the fruit
Satan would have offered it to the
next one,

and the next one
and the next one
and the next one
and the next one.

Suppose each of them refused
And finally he had met me?
—Wilda Fancher

A Mind To Work

So built we the wall; and all the
wall was joined together unto the half
thereof; for the people had a mind to
work. (Neh. 4:6).

The Night Cometh...

Jesus answered... I must work the
works of him that sent me, while it
is day; the night cometh, when no
man can work (John 9:3-4).

Thursday, September 3, 1970

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Third Generation At MC

WHEN ANN CRAWFORD of Tylertown (left) visited Mississippi College to make application as a freshman for the fall semester she ran across a photo of her grandfather, Dr. B. L. Crawford of the Class of 1901. Miss Crawford will be a third generation student at the college, following her grandfather; her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Crawford of Tylertown; and her sister, Jane, who graduated this past spring. Here she looks over the 1901 picture with her mother and Bernard Blackwell, admissions counselor at the college. The picture is located in the office of Norman H. Gough, director of public information, whose grandfather, Dr. Norman Henry, was also a member of the 1901 class.—(M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

September's Golden Shawl

Goldenrod and bright September
hours go far toward bringing pleasure
and content between summer's plaid
days and autumn's frost and chill.
These sunny days light a path through
the neglected fields and by the roads
where the goldenrod holds reign.

I like to think the gold is washed
by rain and rinsed by dew, then polished
by the sun. The hills seem proud
in all the rich array of what a sum-
mertime has done to worn-out fields.
What man neglects and leaves to na-
ture's hands, the years take over in
their unassuming way.

Neglected fields of goldenrod are

September's bright bouquet, held in
the thinning hay where weeds root
quietly in the stony land. Beauty fills
a thin-soiled field where hay and
grain once thrived. Where man has
failed, nature puts the soil to use.
Left long enough, the raspberry and
the blackberry and chokeberry will
stake their claim, then followed, per-
haps, by the ash and maple and the pine.

Yet through this long, still siesta the
goldenrod will rule as September
grows more brilliant. The hills seem
proud in golden shawls.

—Lansing Christian

In Christian Science Monitor

SUNDAY SCHOOL-MUSIC-

Ole Miss BSU Plans "Thing"

"We didn't want to call it a retreat, because it's happening the first weekend of school, so we decided just to call it a 'Thing,'" said Rev. David Hicks, Ole Miss BSU Director. A day-long presentation of the activities of the BSU at Ole Miss, the "Thing" will be held Saturday, September 12, at Camp Lake Stephens, just outside Oxford.

"We limited the length of the 'Thing' so we could hold costs to a minimum, but we are cramming a lot into that day — introductions, discussions, recreation, a movie, worship, a couple of meals, and even a little free time. We especially hope that new students will attend the 'Thing,' since it will be the very first program of our BSU this fall."

For information concerning the "Thing" the BSU will have a table at registration, and the BSU Office (Room 202, "Y" Building) will be open each day. Students are invited to come by, meet each other, and sign up for the "Thing"!

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SEPTEMBER 7-11

Purpose: To provide help for persons who have been selected to teach one of the divisional books in an associational training project or in their own church. This will involve (1) the effective use of the teaching guide, (2) added suggestions for improving learning potential in conference or class situations, and (3) a full understanding of the concepts of the resource material.

MEETING PLACES

September 7	East McComb	7:00 p.m.
September 8	Jackson, Calvary	7:00 p.m.
September 9	Meridian, First	10:00 a.m.
September 10	Tupelo, Harrisburg	7:00 p.m.
September 11	Starkville, First	7:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Guiding Preschoolers	Miss Carolyn Madison, Mississippi Sunday School Department, Jackson
Guiding Children	Miss Thelma Williamson, Director of Children's Work, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson
Guiding Youth	Miss Barbara Scafidel, Director of Youth Work, Alta Woods Church, Jackson
Guiding Adults	Mr. R. Kenneth Miller, Mississippi Training Union Department, Jackson
Preschoolers At Church	Mrs. Ada Rutledge, Sunday School Board, Nashville
Children and Church Training	Miss Evelyn George, Mississippi Training Union Department, Jackson
Youth in Church Training	Mr. Norman A. Rodgers, Mississippi Training Union Department, Jackson
Adults In Church Training	Mr. Bill Latham, Mississippi Training Union Department, Jackson
Church Music For Children	Miss Ernestine Ferrell, State Department of Education
	Mrs. David Larrimore, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
	Mrs. A. A. Roebuck, FBC, Hazlehurst
	Mrs. Edwin McNeely, Newton
Church Music For Youth and Adults	Mr. Dan C. Hall, Church Music Department, Jackson
	Mr. Vernon Polk, First Baptist Church, Grenada
	Mr. Paul Padgett, First Baptist Church, Magee
Adult Sunday School Work	Judd R. Allen, Sunday School Department, Jackson
Youth Sunday School Work	Mr. W. T. Douglas, Mississippi Sunday School Department, Jackson
Children's Sunday School Work	Mr. Billy Hudgens, Mississippi Sunday School Department, Jackson

Names In The News

Dr. James H. Wright has resigned Calvary Church, Columbia, Miss. to accept a new area of work at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile. He will be assistant pastor in charge of evangelism and outreach; at the Alabama church, Dr. Jerry Weber, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel B. Ray, missionaries to Korea, were scheduled to leave Korea on Aug. 10 for furlough in the States address: 1600 East St., Yazoo City, Miss. 39094. Aug. 15-25 they may be addressed c/o N. M. Whisenant, Rt. 1, Box 142, San Marcos, Tex. 78666. Ray, son and grandson of missionaries, was born in China. Mrs. Ray, the former Frances Deal, was born in Houston, Tex., and reared in nearby Waller. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953.

Rev. George G. Bowers has accepted the pastorate of Pass Road Church, Gulf Coast Association. The church welcomed him and his family with a dinner on the grounds following the morning worship service August 7. There were seven additions to the church during the morning service.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionary appointees to Uganda, may now be addressed c/o Maurice Martin, Rt. 7, Meridian, Miss. 39301. Simon is a native of Winnboro, La.; Mrs. Simon is the former Carol Martin of Meridian. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in June.

Revival Dates



Ridgeland Church: September 13-18; Rev. Al Finch, pastor of First, Canton, evangelist; Sigrest Musical Team, (pictured) in charge of the music; services daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor.

Shady Grove Church Initiates Outdoor Activities Program

Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst, has organized and put into action a churchwide activities program, which includes the following: 33 x 55 cement slab (lighted) for basketball and shuffleboard; volleyball; badminton; croquet; horse shoes; and table tennis.

Plans for the future include a children's area with sand box, swings, see-saw, and merry-go-round. This program is a pre-planned scheduled activity under the leadership of an Activities Committee: Dean Higdon, chairman; Johnny Ainsworth, Dennis Beasley, Mrs. Joe Banes, and Mrs. Harvey Bufkin. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

Joins Staff At Calvary, Tupelo

Calvary Church, Tupelo, has called Earl Sandifer as minister of education. He accepted the call and moved from a similar position at First, McComb, on the first of September.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Sandifer is a graduate of Louisiana College, New Orleans Seminary, and the U. S. Air Force Officer Candidate School.

Before going to First, McComb, as minister of education, he had served at Pineville Park Church, Pineville, La., and at Oak Park Church, New Orleans. Prior to that time, he had served in the U. S. Air Force, had been a public school teacher and assistant principal, and an employee of Sears Roebuck and Company.

Mr. Sandifer and his wife, Chris, have two sons, Mike and Mark.

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Danny Armstrong was licensed to the gospel ministry August 2 at Center Church near Blue Springs. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Armstrong and the grandson of the late W. T. (Will) Darling, who was pastor in that section of the state for many years. Danny's church and pastor, Rev. Clark Rakestraw, highly recommend him. A student at Blue Mountain College, he is available for supply preaching. He may be addressed at Route 2, Blue Springs, Ms., telephone New Albany 534-6963.

Rev. James F. Yates on Sunday, August 21, celebrated his ninth anniversary as pastor of First Church, Yazoo City.

Betty Sue Smith, office secretary, Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, is author of a story in the August issue of Home Life, entitled "Her Wifely Duty."

Dennis Smith and Randy Dalton have both been licensed to the gospel ministry in August at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Dennis was licensed, and preached his first sermon, on August 9. Randy, senior at Wingfield, was licensed, and preached his first sermon on August 23. Dr. Allen Webb is the pastor at Daniel Memorial.

Rev. Bill Dunca, pastor, First church, Brandon, was one of 34 persons who attended a writers workshop at the Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville, Aug. 3-7. Directed by Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the board, the workshop featured practical training in article and curriculum writing for church-related publications.

Dr. R. Othal Feather retired July 31, at Southwestern Seminary, after serving 23 years as professor of Educational Administration in the School of Religious Education. A native of Comanche, Okla., Feather attended Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, and earned the B. A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee. In 1956 he completed study for the Doctor of Religious Education Degree at Southwestern Seminary. In his retirement Dr. Feather plans to write and fill speaking engagements. He and Mrs. Feather will reside at 3322 Cordone, Fort Worth, Texas 76133.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries who have completed an extended furlough, were scheduled to sail July 31 for Peru (address: Apartado 57, Trujillo, Peru). Fitts is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss.; Mrs. Fitts, the former Jean Carlisle, is a native of Lucy, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry A. Rankin, missionary appointees, may now be addressed c/o J. I. Rankin, Box 4, Clinton, Miss. 39056. Born in Tupelo, Miss., Rankin grew up in Clinton; Mrs. Rankin, the former Bobbie Simmons, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in June.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, may now be addressed c/o Mrs. Taylor Walker, Rt. 5, Brownsville, Tenn. 38012. A Mississippian, Roaten was born in Tupelo and reared in Houma. Mrs. Roaten is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville.

Hugo H. Culpepper, the W. O. Carter Professor of Missions and World Religions at Southern Seminary, has been named chairman of the newly-appointed seven-professor Professional Studies Committee. The Committee was set up recently to oversee the continuing operation of all phases of the Master of Divinity degree program. Culpepper, as Director of Professional Studies, will administer the largest single degree program in the seminary, currently enrolling 682 students. His committee will supervise work formerly handled by three school committees on a piecemeal basis.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glaze Jr., missionaries on furlough from Argentina, may now be addressed at 1520 S. Main, Greenwood, S. C. 29646. Born in D'Lo, Miss., he grew up in Pelahatchie, Miss.; she is the former Eugenia Johnson of Greenwood, S. C. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. Lee, missionaries to Indonesia, may now be addressed at Dji. Kestarian 26, Purwoedjo (Kedu), Djuteng, Indonesia. Lee was born in Maverick, Tex., and lived in Ballinger, Tex., and Hobbs, N. M., while growing up. Mrs. Lee, the former Twila Turner, was born in Texarkana, Ark., and lived in Illinois, Texas and Mississippi while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

Ransome Swords, vice president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, will represent the Board when the Mississippi Baptist Convention meets in Jackson, November 10-12. He directs insurance services for churches, agencies and institutions. Swords will be available to discuss developments and progress made by the Annuity Board during 1970. Latest information concerning "good experience credit" and how it affects the retirement plans of the Southern Baptist Protection Program will also be available.

"Good experience credit" is a method of equitably sharing with members excess interest earnings and actuarial gains. Group Insurance and Health Benefit Plan information will also be available.

Revival Results

Mt. Olive Church (Mississippi Assoc.) August 2-9: Dr. Thomas J. DeLaughter, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Wayne Wilson, Brookhaven, singer; five professions of faith, two by letter; Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor.

West End, Louisville, (Winston): August 9-14; Dr. R. A. Herrington, missionary to Winston County, evangelist; 20 rededications; three by letter; one profession of faith; Rev. B. H. Ross, pastor.



Locust Hill, McComb Debtfree, First Time

Locust Street Church, McComb, observed a noteburning ceremony along with homecoming on August 16. Lunch was served. The program began at 1:30 with testimonies, singing and note-burning. Rev. H. C. Rutledge delivered the special message. For the first time in the history of the church, it is completely debt-free. The property and buildings are valued at more than \$75,000. Left to right in the picture are the pastor, Rev. Lester L. Hill, and chairman of deacons, Leon Dunaway.

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Shiloh, Sontag To Burn Note

Note burning services for the educational building of Shiloh Church, Sontag, will be held on Sunday, September 6.

Rev. James Harrell, former pastor of Monticello Church, who directed the financial campaign for the church, will be the speaker for the morning services. Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, retired, who gave the first \$25,000 to the building fund when he was evangelist for a revival, will be the afternoon speaker.

The building was erected and equipped for a total cost of \$55,901.29. Of this figure, \$30,000 was borrowed. This amount plus interest, was paid off in 27 months. The building is centrally heated and cooled. There are adequate facilities for 275 in Sunday School classes and the Fellowship Hall will seat up to 225 in worship services. It has been used for this purpose since June 1968, when the building was first occupied.

The many people who have made contributions, or have shown their interest in other ways are invited to join the church in these services.

Plans are now under way to erect a sanctuary which will seat from 250-300 people.

Home Board Names Missionary Couples

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here has appointed two couples as career missionaries to work with Mexican-Americans.

Queens will be superintendent of missions for three Baptist associations in southwest Oregon.

They are Alonso and Mildred Queen, assigned to Oregon, and Ruben and Donna Lea Espinoza, assigned to San Jose, Calif.

Brotherhood

World Missions Retreat

September 12 — Camp Garaywa



Mitchell



Adkins



Bryson

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Bill Mitchell, Rev. S. A. Adkins, and Rev. Harold Bryson will be conducting the devotional periods for the World Missions Retreat, September 12.

Rev. Mitchell, Rawls Springs Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will bring the devotional in the morning session at 9:35 a.m.; Rev. Adkins, Central Baptist Church, McComb, will give the devotional in the afternoon session at 1:10 p.m.; and Rev. Bryson, First Baptist Church, Carthage, during the evening session at 7:10 p.m.

Again this year, due to the family emphasis on attendance, we are making special provision for the youth who may be in attendance. Therefore, we urge each church to exert a special effort to commit the youth to attend the retreat. The program for the group will be slightly different, including the following special periods:

YOUTH PROGRAM

9:55 a.m. Dr. Armando Silverio, Home Missions worker with the Italians, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will be speaking to this group
10:40 a.m. "I Was Involved In Missions This Summer," a period of testimony by young people
1:05 p.m. "Problems Youth of Today Face" by Lieutenant Fred Sanders, Director of Vice Squad from the Jackson Police Department
2:00 p.m. "Missions Through Music" by Ricky Courtney, Jackson
2:15 p.m. "Missions In My Neighborhood," Dr. Armando Silverio

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON

A Way Of Peace

By Clifton J. Allen
Genesis 26; Matthew 5:9; James 4:3

The description in Genesis of Isaac does not portray him as a strong character. He was important because he was the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son and that through this son the covenant purpose would be carried forward. He was important, also, because he was the father of Jacob. Hence Isaac has significance as the connection between Abraham and Jacob. Chapter 26 of Genesis gives the account of the Lord's appearance to Isaac, confirming the covenant promise, and of Isaac's relationships with Abimelech and the people of Gerar in which we see elements of both weakness and strength. Primarily, Isaac is known as a man of peace.

The Lesson Explained
Isaac, Man Of Weakness

To describe Isaac as a man of weakness is not meant as derogatory. His weakness likely sprang, at least in part, from being overshadowed by his father and his son Jacob. Further, his wife Rebecca was strongly aggressive, so that Isaac suffered in comparison with her. But let it be noted that, when famine came, Isaac hearkened to the Lord's direction to remain in Gerar rather than to go down into Egypt as Abraham had done in a similar situation. At that time the Lord confirmed unto Isaac the assurance of his blessing and his purpose to give to Isaac's descendants all the lands which he had promised by oath to give to Abraham. While the promises were renewed to Isaac, emphasis is put on the fact that this was because Abraham had kept God's commandments and hearkened to his voice.

Isaac was indeed a man of weakness in lying about his wife to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, calling her his sister. How like the weakness of Abraham years before in lying about Sarah. God uses weak and sinful vessels as well as strong and noble vessels for his purpose.

Isaac, Man Of Peace
Verses 17-22

The verses immediately preceding the lesson passage tell of Isaac's exceptional wealth. He was therefore the envy of the Philistines, so that Abimelech had asked him to leave Gerar. Isaac moved into the valley of Gerar. There he began to dig again wells of water which Abraham had dug long before and which, in the meantime, had been filled by the Philistines. However, as soon as he dug one, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen for possession of the well. Isaac dug another well with the same result. And then he moved farther and dug still a third well, over which there was no contention. In a situation that might easily have led to hostility and even fighting, Isaac had manifested the way of peace. Thus he was proving that the way of non-resistance is much better than fighting for one's rights.

Isaac, Man Of Faith
Verses 23-29

Isaac now moved to Beersheba. There the Lord appeared to him confirming again the covenant promise, though the basis is said to be "for my servant Abraham's sake." Isaac's response was one of worship. He built an altar and called on the name of the Lord. Something about that experience lingered long in the memory of Jacob, Isaac's son, for many years later as Jacob started to Egypt after learning about Joseph, Jacob came to Beersheba and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. The blessing of God was surely upon Isaac, so that Abimelech went to Isaac in Beersheba and asked that they make a covenant with each other, a covenant of peace.

Truths To Live By

God uses persons of varying abilities. The story of God's people is replete with examples of God's way of using persons as instruments of his holy purpose. God chooses persons in grace and with inscrutable wisdom for assignments in his wondrous plan for the world. Some such persons will have many talents and some few talents. Some will have gifts of speech, others of generosity, others of teaching, others of preaching, others of comfort and consolation, others of medical skill, others of administrative leadership, others of soul-winning, and others of ministry to persons in need. God's Spirit is given to all persons who will yield themselves to the purpose of God in Christ.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

Faithful Under Persecution

I Peter 3:13-4:6
By Bill Duncan

The New York Times of December 23, 1968 carried the story of the release of the crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo

on page 1. Buried on page 14, column 4, was the story James David Fite released seven days earlier after spending 3½ years in a Communist jail in Cuba. Both stories were of equal significance.

David Fite had spent five years as a missionary in Cuba before being arrested in April of 1965 on charges of espionage, counter-revolutionary activities and illegal trafficking of Cuban currency. The painful story of David's father's struggle to obtain his son's freedom is told in the book, *In Castro's Clutches*.

There are people who are suffering because of what they believe. The story of persecution because of Christianity may not be a popular subject, but it is a fact. here Communism has control, Christianity is subject to persecution. But there are struggles also which are not physical. The mental persecution and emotional strain that a true Christian may feel in our country because of the conflict with the world is just as real. A person who refuses "to go along with the accepted policies" may lose his job. There are many ways a person may suffer without physical imprisonment.

Be a Follower of That Which is Good!

As a Christian one should fall in love with goodness. As a result, the wrong things will lose their fascination and their power. Some people want to do right for many different reasons. This seems to be the case in the world today. A man may want to do good in vague terms, but the price must not require sweat and effort. The word, "be followers," is really, "be an ardent lover." Christian people should be willing and prepared to sacrifice ease, comfort, home, loved ones in their passionate love for what is right. But this love may require suffering. Now many people are suffering today because they are humans and are subject to the laws of nature. But Christian suffering is when one chooses a difficult way. Jesus always explained to his disciples that they were choosing to suffer. One may hold to the principle of right and be required to sacrifice because of it.

When one is suffering for Christ he is demonstrating his loyalty to Christ, and is sharing the suffering of Christ. When one has established Christ as Lord of his life, this is the most precious thing in his life, and health, riches, possessions are not very important.

Be Prepared to Defend the Faith.

In this hostile world there are many who question the very nature of the Christian faith, so it will be necessary to answer any question that may come our way. One must be prepared to make a reasonable and intelligent statement of position. In order to do so, our faith must be a firsthand discovery. This will require mental strain and emotional understanding.

However, the manner in which the defense is made must be with gentleness. A person may be able to win the argument but lose the audience. We should never assume a role of "bully" when we should be trying to win someone to our faith. We must be open to understand the other person's thought without accepting it as truth.

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The spirit of reverence is involved in every conversation. "What if God were listening?" We need to have the spirit of God who respects the other persons as made in God's image and seek to deal with their hostility as God does. Our lives need to have a sense of respect. The best way to meet criticism is with a life that is beyond reproach. Such conduct will silence slander and disarm criticism.

Be a Follower of Christ,

Who Set an Example

"When a Christian is compelled to suffer cruelly and unjustly for his faith, he is only walking the way the Lord has already walked." The suffering Christian must always remember the suffering Lord. By the suffering, Christ was able to bring about a great new relationship between God and man. Christ the sufferer finally had the power of victory. The actions of Christ were not for himself but for the people who were to be His disciples.

We need to remember the spirit of Christ in that he was willing to suffer for us and we should be willing to suffer for Him. The manner was willingly. The cross was His decision. He laid down His life; it was not taken from Him. Christ had a goal in mind that gave Him the desire to suffer. We must always realize our Christian calling. We are witnessing in suffering to the truth of God's word and this could lead others to salvation.

Christ's example becomes our inspiration. There are many who do not know the "why" of suffering. But to know Christ is to know the "why."

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Devotional

"Take Up Thy Cross"

By Ben Scarborough, Minister of Music, First, Bruce

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24

Through the years the taking up of one's cross has been misconstrued to mean the shouldering of life's cumbersome burdens and the weathering of life's vicissitudes. This everyone is called to do, so the taking up of the cross by a Christian must mean something more. Let us examine the relationship of Jesus to his cross and see if we cannot gather insight as to the real meaning of taking up the cross.

First — The cross did not truly belong to Jesus. "He who knew no sin became sin for us." By any authority anywhere he never deserved the cross. So then, for the Christian, his cross must be something that would not ordinarily be considered his. This is the thing that makes Christian concern so remarkable to the unbeliever. Why is the state of a lost soul the business of the Christian? His soul has been saved, so why worry about the souls of others? He has found the answer to his questions and the solution to his problems in Christ. Why then embrace the business of questions and problems of others about him? The cross must then of a truth be beyond our ordinary responsibility.

Secondly — The cross was the means of death. The cross for the Christian must then be something through which he, like the Apostle Paul, comes to "die daily." Through concern for others he dies to self. Selfish desires, lusts, and loves are sublimated by activity on behalf of the weak and the struggling, the sin-sick and the wayfaring.

Thirdly — While the cross was the means of death to him, it became the means of life to those who believed on him. This activity on the part of Christian called "taking the cross" brings death to himself, but avails for new life for those who believe his word and witness. Paul says that the "word of reconciliation has been committed unto us. We beseech you in Christ's stead 'Be ye reconciled to God.'"

Will you note that this is a thing that is done deliberately? One purposefully reaches out to take the cross to and for himself. It is not thrust upon him. It does not come automatically. It is taken as the result of decision on the part of the Christian.

The cross was exchanged for a crown. The Christian's taking up of his cross has a definite relation to his entrance into the heavenly kingdom. When Paul said "I have fought a good fight . . . henceforth there is a crown . . . he was literally saying, "I have taken up the cross — I shall receive the crown." Because of Christ's willingness to take the cross, "God hath highly exalted him." The Christian who "takes his cross" will find he is following Christ into the everlasting glory of God.

I walked one day along a country road
And there a stranger journeyed, too.
Bent low beneath the burden of his load,
It was a cross, a cross I knew.

I cried, "Lord Jesus!" and He spoke my name.
I saw his hands all bruised and torn.
I stooped to kiss away the marks of shame,
The shame for me that he had borne.

"O let me bear thy cross, Dear Lord," I cried
And, Lo, a cross for me appeared,
The one forgotten I had cast aside,
The one so long that I had feared.

My cross I'll carry 'till the crown appears.
The way I journey soon will end,
Where God himself shall wipe away all tears,
And friend hold fellowship with friend.

Harmony Homecoming

Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, held Homecoming August 30. The

guest speaker was Rev. Therman Bryant. Services were planned for 11:00 a.m., with dinner served at the noon hour, and singing in the afternoon. Rev. Billy Guest is pastor.

From Darlove

Tribute To A Former Pastor, The Late Rev. R. A. Langley

Just a few weeks ago, Rev. R. A. Langley died. He had been pastor in Mississippi for many years. One of the churches he served was Darlove, where members have prepared the following tribute to him:

"We the members of Darlove Church would like to express our feelings of gratitude and love for a devoted Christian man. We consider that we as a church and as individuals were highly privileged by God to have had the opportunity for ten or eleven years of his service in our church. Never before, nor since, were we so well organized and active for God.

"Brother Langley was a pastor who loved everyone. No one was too poor, too rich, too drunk, nor too wicked for him and his wife to visit in the name of Jesus Christ, and to talk to about their soul, and their becoming a part of the church. He was faithful in all his ministry and seemed never too tired to have time to visit, to witness, and to pray in all the homes in our community.

"During the years he spent serving our church field we had an average enrollment of 124 members in Sunday school. Several of those years we had a standard Sunday school. We had an average enrollment of 93 in Training Union. Each year we had many to participate in the Story

Telling, Junior Memory Work, Sword Drill, Youth Speaking, and Adult Mission Story. We had associational winners, district winners, and state winners many times. We had an average of 74 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union, with organizations of at least one or two in each age group. We had a full graded WMU. Also our Vacation Bible Schools were great, with an average enrollment of 129. Our Vacation Bible Schools included all ages, even the adults, with Brother Langley as their teacher of a study course book.

"The Brotherhood was very active, with an average of 12 members. They were men very proud to be a part of the work of the church and very busy keeping the church on the move for God. There were many additions to the church, 132 by baptism, and 49 by letter.

"He not only was interested in our church, but of the other churches of the Deer Creek Association. He served as the associational missionary a few years, helping organize the programs of some of the churches. When the Deer Creek Association was divided into three associations, Sharkey - Issaquena, Humphreys, and Washington, he was Washington County's first moderator.

"Brother Langley was a good shepherd, leading his sheep to be active, prayerful, faithful, loyal, and devoted to God because he practiced in living what he preached.

"In the early years of his labors in our church, our church was destroyed by fire. He immediately began work, organizing the men of the church and community to build another church. Our present church is a standing memorial to him, because it was built by the men of the church according to his instructions. We are proud of our church building because it will always remind us of his leadership and our following under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"We, as well as all other churches he pastored, know 'our loss was God's gain.' He will be greatly missed and only eternity will tell of the vast multitude of lives won and saved because of his untiring efforts.

"We pray God will bless and comfort his loving wife in her sorrow. We know she will miss him most. She too was a great worker for God, always at his side in most of his work. A more faithful pastor's wife could not be found."

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Grays Creek Ground-Breaking—Front Row: (left to right) Angela Thompson; Mary Jane Entriken; Mrs. Maggie Cleveland. Second Row (left to right): Mrs. Walton Scott; Walton Scott; William D. Crenshaw; Harvey Vest; E. L. Kelly; Rev. Roger F. Johns, pastor; Wilson Douglas; Ernest Cleveland; William Thompson.

Grays Creek Begins Building Project

Ground-breaking services were held at Grays Creek Church, Rt. 2, Hernando, (DeSoto Association) on Aug. 2, to celebrate the start of a new building project, an addition of 2,000 square feet to the educational and training space of the church.

Theme for the day was, "Christ, the Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever". The pastor, Rev. Roger F. Johns, spoke on the subject, "The Unchanging Christ." Special music was rendered, with Mrs. Kay Morris, of Memphis, Tenn., as soloist.

Honored guests included W. Abner Lauderdale and Walton Scott who were presented with Letters of Appreciation for the many outstanding services they have rendered to the church.

Turning the new ground, with the traditional golden spade, were, Mrs. Maggie Cleveland, eldest active member of the church, representing "Christ of Yesterday"; Miss Mary Jane Entriken, one of the newest members of the church, representing

Correction

In the August 27 issue of the Baptist Record, two pictures were accidentally switched. On page 6, the two young people of Mendenhall were pictured with the story, "Life Is Successful at First, Long Beach," and the Long Beach young people were pictured with the story, "1st, Mendenhall, Youth Choir Goes On Tour."

The course is free," said Mrs. Dorothy Crow, director of inservice education for the hospital's nursing service, "and the nurses will be paid when they begin their work on the wards in the clinical phase of the course."

Mrs. Crow said the class will be limited to six registered nurses—or to eight at the most, because "That's the best teacher-student ratio for this kind of course, and we want it to be the best in every way."

She said applicants for the refreshment course must be currently registered with the State Board of Nursing, must make written application, and must present three references.

The course will last eight to twelve weeks, depending upon the need, with classes to be scheduled four days a week, for three or four hours a day.



Mt. Olive, Smithdale, Dedicates Pastorum

Sunday, August 2 Mt. Olive Church in Mississippi Association, had a dedication of their new debt-free pastorum, with a note-burning ceremony, followed by an open house. The pastorum is a spacious eight-room brick home. Pictured are the pastorum and the members of the Building Committee. Left to right are: Bert Williams, Homer Fenn, Webb Nettles, Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor; and Joseph Spring.



N. Albany Scouts Receive God-Country Award

Several Boy Scouts, including two sets of brothers, received their God and Country Awards at First Church, New Albany, Sunday, Aug. 9. Rev. William F. Evans, pastor, directed this special phase of work and mothers of the boys pinned the awards on during the ceremony. Receiving the awards were (front row from left) Bill Russell, Addison Wynn and Barton Wynn. Back row from left: Scott Gregory, Charles Carter, John Wiseman and Richard Wiseman. Five of the group are members of Troop 222 sponsored by First Baptist Church with Lewis Rosenthal as Scoutmaster. The Wiseman brothers are members of Troop 18, sponsored by the ARP Presbyterian Church.

Highland, Laurel, Celebrates 20th Anniversary

According to pastor Ralph Graves, Highland Church, Laurel, will celebrate its twentieth anniversary during September. Organized on September 10, 1950 with 61 charter members, the church now has 872 members and a Sunday school enrollment of 665. Highland church, which was organized in a tent, now has property and facilities valued in excess of \$750,000. Three pastors have served the church during the twenty years of its history — Rev. James A. Hurt, 1950 to 1958; Rev. Guy Reedy, 1958 to 1970; and Rev. Ralph Graves, who accepted a call to the church in July of this year.

The entire month of September has been designated as "Anniversary Month," and several special features have been planned in commemoration of the founding of the church. "Charter Member Day" has been set for Sunday, September 6, and special recognition will be given to charter members at the services on that date. Sunday, September 13 has been designated as "Homecoming Day", and the church's first pastor, Rev. James Hurt, will return to preach at the morning service. All former members of Highland will be recognized on that day.

"Tithers Demonstration Day" will be held on Sunday, September 20, and every member will be urged to tithe his week's income through the church on that day. Financial goals have been set for the entire month.

The month's special activities will conclude with an "Anniversary Revival" September 27 - October 4. Pastor Ralph Graves will serve as the evangelist and Tom Larrimore of Jackson's Colonial Heights Church will direct the music.

Family Gives Piano To Endville Church

Immediately following the morning worship service, August 16, Lacy Potter presented in behalf of the family a new piano to the Endville Church, Pontotoc County, in memory of Mrs. Ruth McCord, who was a dedicated Christian and a faithful member of Endville Church until her death in 1960.

Those making the contribution are: Johnnie McCord, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Holcomb, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCord, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Turner.

The group, to be led by Dr. L. E. Coleman, will be leaving August 30, on the 3000 mile trip. Three banquets have been planned in order for them to meet the entire missionary force of Mexico (except those on furlough).

Cahy E. Byrne, Jr. Named BSU Director In Memphis

Cahy E. Byrne, Jr. of Highland Falls, New York, has been elected director of Baptist Student Union of University of Tennessee, Medical Units, Memphis, according to W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Byrne assumed his new duties Aug. 15.

A native of Brookhaven, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Byrne, the former Sara Helen Wade, is a graduate of Baptist School of Nursing. They have two children, Debbi, 14, and Ed, 11.

Before his military ministry, Byrne was pastor of First Church, Harvey, La., and later became director of religious activities at Mississippi College and Mississippi State University.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

"Forget not all His benefits."



Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Cannon

Brotherhood Sponsors Husband-Wife Tour Of Mexican Mission Field

Gentlemen:

Rev. Robert C. Cannon, pastor, 1st, Horn Lake, and his wife Virginia, have been invited to participate in a husband and wife tour of the mission fields of Mexico. This is the first time the Brotherhood Department of the Southern Baptist Convention has sponsored a crusade of this kind. Laymen and pastors, with their wives, have been selected from various states to look in upon the Mexican people at work and at play. At the same time they will be associated with the missionaries and be speaking in the various churches and missions.

This will be no ordinary tour or vacation. They will observe the mission fields under the most intimate circumstances and learn firsthand how Baptist missionaries operate.

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Arkansas Campcraft Conference To Feature Camp Skills, Witnessing

NASHVILLE — A convention-wide campcraft conference is scheduled Oct. 12-15 at Hidden Valley Ranch, Plainview, Ark., to train church leaders in campcraft skills and ministering to persons in camp settings.

Sponsored by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the conference will include the American Camping Association's campcraft course, the advanced campcraft course and special emphasis on the use of campcraft skills in day camping and family camping.

Leaders for the conference will be

Nola Homecoming

On Sept. 6, Nola Church, Lawrence County, will have homecoming day. Services will include Sunday school at 10, worship service at 11, with lunch at the church. The afternoon service will begin at 1:15 with special music and a message by Rev. William D. Evans. All former pastors and members are invited, states Rev. H. L. Deer, pastor.

Retired Minister Helps In Ordination, Wedding Of Grandson

Dr. J. H. Winstead, 82-year-old retired minister living in Peiatchatchie, traveled to Miami, Florida to participate in the ordination and perform the wedding service for his grandson, David A. Daniels. David was ordained to the Gospel ministry by First Church, Greater Miami, on August 2. Also present in the ordaining council was David's father, Murwine Daniels, a deacon in First Church, and his brother-in-law, Bill Trucano, a student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

David graduated May, 1970 with "special distinction" from Mississippi College, was vice president of the Ministerial Association, and participated in the intern program of Calvary Church, Jackson.

David and Lynda Lee Kjellstrom of Miami were married on August 7. Lynda graduated June, 1970 from Florida State University, School of Nursing, Tallahassee, Florida, where she was active in BSU and religious activities on campus.

On August 22, David and Lynda will be commissioned by the Home Mission Board under the US-2 program, and will be assigned to work with students in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Fame is Fleeting

The first day of kindergarten, a five-year-old boy was nervous and upset and wanted to call home. A teacher helped him place the call, but when his mother answered the telephone, he was too insecure to talk right away. So the mother said, "Hello, who is this?"

"This is your son!" he said, bursting into tears. "Have you forgotten me already?"

Yesterday Luxury

The bathtub was invented in 1850 and the telephone in 1875. Had you lived in 1850 you could have sat in the tub for 25 years without hearing the phone ring once.

Pleasant Waiting Place
"Will the lady," asked the minister with a resigned look, "who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures please wait for us this time?"

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